Catalina Pueblo Chronicle

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Message from the Prez Joe Thompson

Have you noticed? The sky is getting light just after six. The end of the day is getting later and later. It is getting warmer. Wonderful weather. We expect nothing less.

I'm pleased to announce that John Cain has accepted the position of Treasurer of the Catalina Pueblo Association. John has thirty years of experience owning and managing his own CPA firm. This gives the association a continuum of highly capable people serving in that position over many years. The board welcomes John and we look forward to his advice and experience. Thanks John!



advantage of the low HOA fees and visually and physically obvious attractions which brought you here in the first place. In the near future we are going to need you to come forward and pay back a little bit.

Contrary to conventional wisdom serving on the board is a job filled with thanks. In addition to the very real thanks we get from many of you for what we do there is a personal sense of pride and satisfaction in helping our community. I know that each of us now serving can attest to that.

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Many of you have served on the board previously but most of our newer residents have yet to take a turn. The notable exceptions are Cherry Rosenberg who is one of our most enthusiastic and productive members and Steve Church who has done a huge service to the community with his pool team. Living here incurs some civic responsibility. Our way of life comes with a price tag and it is not just monetary. While you don't sign a buyers agreement to serve you do take The board is a place to learn, get to know how things work and appreciate our environment. Most of all....it is fun.

We have created a short on-line survey to guide us in our thinking. Please click the link below: <u>Catalina Pueblo Survey</u>

We look forward to seeing all of you at Spring Madness.

Landscape & Architecture John Cushman

When you buy or send your painter to buy paint at Dunn Edwards Paint Company for the exterior of your house, be sure to specify:

Weathered Brown—DEC 756—All Trim Spanish White—DEC 724—House Body

Account# 221376-000 for a 37% discount It turns out there are three (3) Weathered Brown shades, and if you just ask for Weathered Brown you may get an "off the shelf" shade which is not the original specification under our CC&R's. "Behind the Saguaro" by Terry Temple



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Garden Gallimaufry Jo Ann Marcus & Mark Sammons

MARCH GARDEN CALENDAR

- The average last day of freezing weather is March 15th, after this date, prune frostdamaged foliage and branches
- Purchase and plant new perennials, shrubs, trees, annuals, and herbs
- Plant spring vegetable garden
- Spread mulch under and around plant
- Continue to harvest citrus

TOTALLY TUCSON

Local Plants for Low-care Landscapes Creating a spectacular landscape with local plants is probably nowhere easier than in Tucson. Within the four mountain ranges that define its boundaries, the city has an amazing array of plants, from stately saguaros to colorful perennial wildflowers, which can be used for gardens that range from lush and green to stark and dramatic. The "Totally Tucson" plants occur within the valley and the four surrounding mountain ranges up to 4500 feet elevation, roughly in what could be considered the saguaro zone.

The list below represents a fraction of the native species, but includes plants that are better known and generally available in nurseries. Most riparian species are omitted because they fare poorly outside of moist locations.



Tucson's plants come in an incredible range of forms, textures and colors and can be mixed and matched to create lush oasis atmospheres or austere and elegant desert scapes. They are adapted to the extremes of temperature and rainfall, are easy to maintain, and feed and house local birds, insects, and other fauna. Using them in landscapes also helps preserve the strong sense of place that makes Tucson such a wonderful city to live in.



Cacti:

Carnegiea gigantea - Saguaro Echinocereus rigidissimus - Az. rainbow cactus Ferocactus wislizeni - Fishhook barrel Mammilaria grahamii - Pincushion cactus Opuntia arbuscula - Pencil cholla Opuntia engelmannii - Engelmann prickly pear Opuntia versicolor - Staghorn cholla Opuntia santa rita - Purple prickly pear Peniocereus greggii - Queen of the night

Trees:

Acacia greggii - Catclaw acacia Celtis reticulata - Netleaf hackberry Cercidium floridum - Blue palo verde Cercidium microphyllum - Foothills palo verde Chilopsis linearis - Desert willow Eysenhardtia orthocarpa - Kidneywood Lysiloma watsoni - Desert fern tree Morus microphylla - Texas mulberry Olneya tesota - Ironwood Prosopis velutina - Velvet mesquite Sapindus drummondii - Soapberry

Accent Plants:

Agave chrysantha - Golden-flowered agave Agave schottii - Shindagger Dasylirion wheeleri - Desert spoon Erythrina flabelliformis - Coral bean Fouquieria splendens - Ocotillo Nolina microcarpa - Beargrass Yucca baccata - Banana yucca Yucca elata - Soaptree yucca

Thanks & References:

Greg Corman, Tucson Botanical Gardens

Tucson Botanical Gardens, calendar and website

> David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons, photos



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Vines:

Cissus trifoliata - Grape ivy Janusia gracilis - Slender janusia Maurandya antirrhiniflora - Snapdragon vine

Grasses:

Aristida purpurea - Purple threeawn Bouteloua curtipendula - Sideoats grama Heteropogon contortus - Tanglehead Muhlenbergia rigens - Deer grass Sporobolus airoides - Alkali sacaton



useful for planting and care information on local plants:

Native Plants for Southwestern Landscapes by Judy Mielke

Suggested reading:

These publications are

Low Water Use Plants by Carol Shuler

Pruning, Planting and Care by Eric Johnson

> Plants for Dry Climates by Mary Rose Duffield and Warren Jones

Desert Trees published by the Arizona Native Plant Society

A Natural History of Western Trees by Donald Culross Peattie

Landscape Plants for Dry Regions by Jones and Sacamano

> Agaves, Yuccas and Related Plants by Mary & Gary Irish

Arizona Native Plant Society booklets

Perennial Wildflowers:

Bahia absinthifolia - Bahia Baileya multiradiata - Desert marigold Datura wrightii - Sacred datura Dyssodia pentachaeta - Dogweed Oenothera caespitosa - Tufted evening primrose Penstemon parryi - Parry penstemon Psilostrophe cooperi - Paperflower Ruellia nudiflora - Ruellia Senna covesii - Desert senna Glandularia gooddingii - Goodding verbena Zinnia acerosa - Desert zinnia

Annual Wildflowers:

Eschscholtzia mexicana - Mexican poppy *Gaillardia pulchella* - Blanket flower *Kallstroemia grandiflora* - Arizona caltrop *Orthocarpus purpurascens* - Owl's clover *Proboscidea althaefolia* - Devil's claw



Shrubs:

Acacia angustissima - Fern acacia Acacia constricta -Whitethorn acacia Aloysia wrightii - Oreganillo Ambrosia deltoidea - Triangle-leaf bursage Anisacanthus thurberi - Desert honeysuckle Artemisia ludoviciana - Western mugwort Asclepias linaria - Pineleaf milkweed Atriplex canescens - Fourwing saltbush Calliandra eriophylla - Fairy duster Celtis ehrenbergiana (pallida) - Desert hackberry Coursetia glandulosa - Baby bonnets Crossosoma bigelovii - Rhyolite bush Dalea pulchra - Bush dalea Dicliptera resupinata - Dicliptera Dodonea angustifolia - Hopbush Encelia farinosa - Brittlebush Ephedra nevadensis - Mormon tea Ericameria laricifolia - Turpentine bush Eriogonum fasciculatum - Flattop buckwheat Gossypium thurberi - Desert cotton Hibiscus biseptus - Rose mallow Hyptis emoryi - Desert lavender Jatropha cardiophylla - Limberbush Justicia californica - Chuparosa Larrea divaricata (tridentata) - Creosotebush Lotus rigidus - Deer vetch Lycium fremontii - Wolfberry Plumbago scandens - Plumbago Simmondsia chinensis - Jojoba Sphaeralcea ambigua - Globe mallow Tecoma stans v. angustata - Yellow bells Trixis californica - Trixis Vauquelinia californica - Arizona rosewood Zizyphus obtusifolia - Graythorn



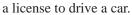
Spotlight on a Neighbor Aldine von Isser & Hal Grieve

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Hal Grieve. He and his mom, who was an artist and had a gypsy-like wanderlust, traveled throughout the land. Hal attended 24 different elementary schools. . . but, I digress.

When Hal was 10 years old, they moved to Tucson and rented a little home on San Francisco Blvd. near Swan & Ft. Lowell. His next door neighbor was Tony von Isser and Hal and Tony quickly became inseparable friends. They loved exploring the desert (at that time, this part of Tucson had only dirt roads and was considered way out of town). Both boys had a fascination with flying. Being too young to drive didn't stop Hal from pursuing his dream. He simply rode his bike to the distant airfield meeting his friend for their flying lessons. Both earned their pilot licenses, Hal, doing so well before he was old enough to apply for

How many ladies do you know who have a photo of her late husband AND current husband?

Hal & Tony





When Hal was 16, his mom met and married the well known artist, Ted DeGrazia. This new relationship, unfortunately, didn't have room for a 16 year old boy, so Hal lived alone in an old, abandoned. trailer in the desert owned by the von Isser family. His motorcycle and a 22 rifle were his most important assets because the motorcycle made it possible

to drive into town for school and the rifle dispatched rabbits for food.

As the months went by, Mr. von Isser grew increasingly worried about Hal's well being, so he contacted DeGrazia who arranged to have Hal shipped off to a boarding house in Hollywood, California. While playing sports in school, Hal fell and broke his wrist. The school rushed him to the hospital but he couldn't be treated because, as a minor, he had to have an adult sign for his medical care and he had no one! When this situation came to light, the hospital called the police who booked him for vagrancy. Now Hal was a "convict" so the State authorized the necessary medical treatment. Hal's living situation couldn't be officially condoned, so authorities found Hal's aunt in Colorado Springs and she arranged for a local boarding house to take Hal in. In the spring of 1949, Hal's uncle, who needed help on his dairy farm in Pennsylvania, agreed to take Hal for his senior year in high school. There, Hal fell in love with Bette and they were married the year after graduation.

Hal always stayed in touch with his best friend, Tony and when, in 1952, he heard that Tony was engaged, he went to Tucson to see what was up with his old friend. The minute he met 18-year-old Aldine he realized why his friend (who he never believed would ever get married) was so thoroughly charmed. Although Aldine was born and spent her early childhood in Toronto, Canada, she and her family had lived in Tucson several years before she met Tony.

Aldine, at age 19, won parental permission to marry Tony only after she

promised to finish university. Always a lady of her word, after they married, Aldine received her BA in Education, MA in Special Ed and her Ph.D. in Education & Psychology from U of A. She was on the faculty of the U of A for 28 years where she ran the graduate study program in Education of Emotionally Disturbed Children. She wrote, in Spanish, the first test for evaluating learning disabilities in monolingual Spanish speaking children, which is still used broadly today. This work took her to Spain and every country in South America, save one.

In 1956 Hal and Bette moved back to Hal's favorite place, Tucson. He enrolled in U of A and for 6 years went to school during the day and worked at Hughes Aircraft Co. (now Raytheon) and then Marania Aircraft at night. Upon graduation, in Secondary Ed, he taught Russian and Social Studies before putting in 15 years of State Service with the Highway Patrol and the Highway Dept. running the Highway Safety Education program.

In 1979, fulfilling the 23 year old promise to Bette that he would someday move her back to Pennsylvania; Hal left his best friends, Tony & Aldine and his beloved Tucson.

Three years later his stepfather died and his mom, being unable to cope by herself, asked Hal to come back to help with the DeGrazia Gallery. What he discovered upon his arrival was vandalized and damaged art and buildings in need of repair and a gallery without organization or management. The first order of business was building a vault and categorizing the artwork.

Tony passed away in 1989 followed by Bette in 1997. Of course, Hal and Aldine continued as best friends enjoying not only years of memories but also many common interests, including both being pilots. To this day, there is a good natured debate on who has more flying credentials because Aldine was a bush pilot in Mexico, but Hal has flown longer



and is still current.

Hal and Aldine were married last year at the Chapel at DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun. They spend 4 to 5 months a year in Aldine's birthplace, Northern Ontario, on Lake of Bays. When in Tucson, they spend about a week each month in their

Ranchito in Arivaca (5 miles north of the Mexican border).

After spending just a brief time with Aldine & Hal, one knows how this story ends . . . they are living happily ever after!



Mark your calendar

Spring Madness March 21

Cinco de Mayo May 3

Halloween Party October 24

Christmas Party December 12

The Pool Guy Steve Church

Please have patience with the Spa at the Adelita Pool because the VGB safety valve is finicky and arbitrarily shuts off the bubbles. This is caused when people put their feet over the drain and the valve mistakes it for a blockage. The sensors are being adjusted again February 28th and if that doesn't resolve the problem, a modification will be made to the entire system. If you're using the spa and the bubbles quit leave a message for Terry Temple (299-0952) and he will reset it (however you'll still be able to enjoy the nice hot water).

Minera's heat pump will be turned on April 1 and the Caballo solar will be turned on March 15th. When the water in both pools is heated, the VGB compliant safety valves can be installed. When the valves are installed, we'll send out an email and take off the locks and "pool closed" signs. So we hope to have both pools open about April 6.

I had ankle surgery January 22 and have been in a cast and wheelchair since then, so once again, Terry & Jeff deserve a huge thank you for being the Pool Guys! 5

Good-bye Joe!

Today is the first day of retirement for our mailman, Joe Colwell. Joe has been our Catalina Pueblo postman since 2003 except for the two years he served in Afghanistan with the 1st/285th Armed Reconnaissance Battalion Arizona Army National Guard.

The U.S. Postal Service, like so many other industries in this economy is making changes in the way it does business. A couple of years ago, it invested in expensive machinery to sort the mail which previously had been done by hand. This capital investment was made just as demand for services dwindled. Those of us who use on-line services can easily understand this. We now do almost all of our banking, shopping and communications by computer. This double whammy—loss of business plus mechanization made offering qualified employees voluntary early retirement a sound business decision.

After nearly 35 years of government service, Joe decided to take an early retirement. "Being able to retire now is a great opportunity for me because I'm young enough to start a second career." And, Joe knew what he wanted to do ... by combining his long time interest and accumulated expertise in home repair and landscaping, he opens "Sunrise Handyman" on March 2nd (day 2 of retirement!). "For years, I have enjoyed doing just about everything that needs to be done around the house. And, after so many years with a strict schedule, I look forward to offering my clients very flexible hours and days".

For all repairs, landscaping or clean-up you can reach Joe at 977-0683 or josephcolwell@ comcast.net.

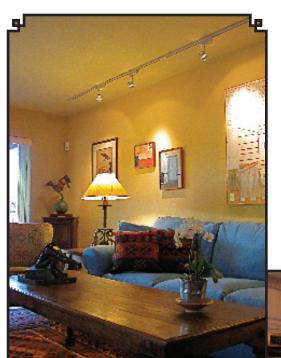
IN MEMORIAM

Freeman Hover, who lived at 2552 E. Cerrada Adelita until a couple of years ago, passed away February 9 in bed in his apartment at the La Rosa residence just up the hill. He loved living here and never lost his interest in following Pueblo news. He was a good friend to many of us and he will be missed.

Eric Nelson & Donn Poll

Special Spaces Jo Ann Marcus

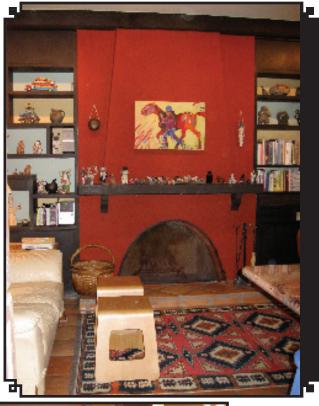
The family room with its eye catching fireplace wall of built-ins highlighting sculpture and art.



The soft yellow living room, with its bold rugs, is a gallery of eclectic artful delight.

An appealing welcome to a creative, colorful artfilled home





A glorious kitchen with loads of storage

The patio surrounds the house on two sides and offers several charming seating areas with flowers, fountains and intriguing views from each





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If you know of such a Special Space, yours or perhaps someone else's – please let me know and I will contact them for possible inclusion in future months.

Let's Sweep Out Desert Broom Jo Ann Marcus

As elsewhere in the desert, Catalina Pueblo has encountered the over proliferation of a desert plant whose natural ecological constraints are being changed by desert development. Desert broom, or Baccaharis sarothroides, is taking full advantage of cleared and disturbed soil, where it can best promote its built-in opportunism.

Desert broom has broom-like stems and late-blooming habits. An evergreen shrub during most of the year, it is identified by its yellow-green color and branching structure. Instead of a central trunk, multiple strong stems sprout from the root, like straw switches in a broom. These early green branches, appearing almost leafless, help perform photosynthesis.

Dependent upon the limitation or abundance of water supply, a mature plant can be more rounded and dense at 3 to 4 feet or woody and scraggly at a maximum height of 9 to 12 feet.Broom is dioecious, which means male and female flowers are borne on separate plants and cross-pollinate. Only the female flower bears fruit. In November and December, the female shrub is most lovely--and most obnoxious-as it exercises two survival strategies assuring species continuation: it blooms later than most of the competition and it blooms bounteously, producing a super-saturation of fruits.

The cottony mounds crowning the female plant are composed of countless individual fruits. Each seed is attached to multiple silken, white hairs called pappus, which serve as transport parachutes, lift in the breezes and carry the seeds drifting to the ground, collecting everywhere! This saturation technique of dispersal is designed to increase the odds for suitable bedding sites, where winter rains will trigger germination.

Because of its rapidly increasing invasive growth into man-modified areas it is obvious that desert broom's traditional checks and balances are dysfunctional. Without intervention, broom can crowd and overgrow road shoulders, obstructing vision. It will successfully compete with and eventually crowd out more desirable plants, native or introduced, especially if a water source is reliable.

Tenaciously weed-like, it will infiltrate a cleared yard or garden in unkempt mounds. The female plants' volumes of yearly pappus can spell misery to allergy sufferers. And the 'cotton' drifts are a messy nuisance everywhere.



Thanks & references:

Jo Ann Marcus, photos

Nan Byrne, Desert Foothills Land Trust

> John Begeman, Arizona Daily Star

Once established, mature plants are difficult and labor-intensive to remove. Cutting off the branches at ground level is a temporary solution. Survivaladapted, new branches will sprout profusely from the corm. Required is root system removal or irrevocable damage. Optimum approach for broom control is to pull the young sprouts out with the roots, easiest done after a good, earth-softening rain.

Fortunately, one of the most popular weed killers for home gardeners — Roundup — is relatively safe to use, and is the second-best method. Plant roots do not absorb it, and it has no harmful effects in the soil. It kills weeds by being absorbed by their leaves and other green tissue such as green stems. It moves from the leaves to the roots via the plant's internal cambium tissue. Once it reaches the roots, it kills the entire plant.

Roundup is actually the well-known brand name for the chemical glyphosate, one of the most effective products for use on hard-to-control, woody-stemmed weeds.



The best way to kill broom is to apply undiluted Roundup directly to leaves and/or cut stems at the base of the plant. Do this while the plant is actively growing in early spring. At that time, cut the stems close to the ground, leaving some leaves, and immediately paint leaves and cut stems with concentrated Roundup. The material will be absorbed through the cuts and will transfer directly to the roots. Repeat as needed.

The simplest application of the weed killer is to pour a small amount in a foam cup and use a small paintbrush to dip and paint it on to the leaves and cut stems. Because of the potential for contamination, don't pour any leftover solution back into the original container. Use it up by applying it all to the leaves and cut stems.

Try to keep ahead of this prolific grower by regularly checking your garden, and removing it as soon as it rears its bright green head. You'll be thankful you did.

And so will your neighbors.

Tried & True Trades

Adobe

Rudy Martinez of Adobe Specialists, Inc. 883-8883 Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

Appliance Service & Repair

Bill Bender-The Appliance Doctor of Tucson 742-6759 Recommended by Marianne VanZyll

Electrician

Phil Clounch 390-0471 Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

Household Handymen/Painters

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welcome to our spring madness get together on Saturday March 21st

Similar to our annual Christmas party we'll meet from 5:00 — 7:00 pm for HAPPY HOUR

at the adjacent homes of Marianne Van Zyll and John Cushman 2717 and 2725 E. Ave. de Posada.

B.Y.O.B. and contribute \$15.00 per person for hors d'oeuvres prepared by our personal chef Michael.

> Checks or cash have to be paid to Marianne Van Zyll NO LATER than March 13th.

Please return the strip below with your payment

Name (s) _

Amount \$_____

Mail or drop off to: Marianne Van Zyll 2717 E. Ave de Posada, Tucson, AZ 85718